

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A medical support system for supporting a medical care of a patient, comprising:
 - a wireless tag carried by ~~the~~ each patient;
 - a medical information database operable to store medical information of ~~the~~ each patient of a plurality of patients; and
 - a medical support apparatus operable to communicate with said wireless tag and said medical information database, said medical support apparatus comprising:
 - a patient ID acquisition unit operable to obtain a patient ID for identifying the patient from said wireless tag when the patient approached said medical support apparatus;
 - a suitability determination unit operable to refer to said medical information database and determine whether or not said medical support apparatus is suitable for the patient identified by the patient ID thus obtained; and
 - a warning unit operable to issue a warning to the patient when said suitability determination unit determined that said medical support apparatus was unsuitable for the patient.
2. (original): A medical support system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said wireless tag transmits the patient ID to said medical support apparatus using a radio wave that enables

communication with said medical support apparatus only when said wireless tag was brought close to said medical support apparatus.

3. (original): A medical support system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said medical support apparatus further includes:

a setting information extraction unit operable to extract setting information related to setting of said medical support apparatus in accordance with the patient from said medical information of the patient stored in said medical information database, when said suitability determination unit determined that said medical support apparatus was suitable for the patient; and

a set unit operable to set said setting information thus extracted in said medical support apparatus.

4. (original): A medical support system as claimed in claim 3, wherein said medical support apparatus is a radiography apparatus, and

said setting information extraction unit extracts a condition of radiography for the patient from said medical information of the patient stored in said medical information database, when said suitability determination unit determined that said medical support apparatus was suitable for the patient.

5. (original): A medical support system as claimed in claim 4, wherein the patient ID acquisition unit is provided on a platform of said radiography apparatus.

6. (original): A medical support system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said medical support apparatus further includes:

a setting information extraction unit operable to extract setting information related to setting of said medical support apparatus in accordance with the patient from said medical information of the patient stored in said medical information database, when said suitability determination unit determined said medical support apparatus was suitable; and

a display unit operable to display said setting information thus extracted.

7. (original): A medical support system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said medical support apparatus is a training apparatus for supporting rehabilitation, and

said setting information extraction unit extracts a menu of rehabilitation of the patient from said medical information of the patient stored in said medical information database, when said suitability determination unit determined that said medical support apparatus was suitable.

8. (currently amended): A medical support apparatus for supporting a medical care of a patient, comprising:

a patient ID acquisition unit operable to obtain a patient ID for identifying the patient from a wireless tag carried by the patient when the patient approached said medical support apparatus;

a suitability determination unit operable to refer to a medical information database that stores medical information of ~~the each patient~~ of a plurality of patients and determine whether or

not said medical support apparatus is suitable for the patient identified by the patient ID obtained by the patient ID acquisition unit; and

a warning unit operable to issue a warning to the patient when said suitability determination unit determined that said medical support apparatus was unsuitable for the patient.

9. (original): A medical support system for supporting a medical care of a patient, comprising:

a patient's wireless tag carried by the patient;
a diagnosis/treatment member's wireless tag attached to a diagnosis/treatment member;
a medical information database operable to store medical information of the patient; and
a medical support apparatus operable to communicate with the patient's wireless tag, said diagnosis/treatment member's wireless tag and said medical information database, said medical support apparatus comprising:

a patient ID acquisition unit operable to obtain a patient ID for identifying the patient from the patient's wireless tag when the patient approached said medical support apparatus sufficiently;

a diagnosis/treatment member ID acquisition unit operable to obtain a diagnosis/treatment member ID for identifying said diagnosis/treatment member from said diagnosis/treatment member's wireless tag when said diagnosis/treatment member approached said medical support apparatus sufficiently;

a diagnosis/treatment member determination unit operable to refer to said medical information database and determine whether or not said diagnosis/treatment member identified

by said diagnosis/treatment member ID obtained by said diagnosis/treatment member ID acquisition unit is suitable for the patient identified by the patient ID obtained by the patient ID acquisition unit; and

a warning unit operable to issue a warning to the patient when said diagnosis/treatment member determination unit determined that said diagnosis/ treatment member was unsuitable.

10. (original): A medical support system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the patient's wireless tag transmits the patient ID to said medical support apparatus using a radio wave that enables communication with said medical support apparatus only when the patient's wireless tag approached said medical support apparatus sufficiently.

11. (original): A medical support system as claimed in claim 9, wherein said diagnosis/treatment member's wireless tag transmits said diagnosis/treatment member ID to said medical support apparatus using a radio wave that enables communication with said medical support apparatus only when said diagnosis/treatment member's wireless tag approached said medical support apparatus sufficiently.

12. (original): A medical support system as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a nurse's wireless tag held by a nurse, wherein said medical support apparatus further includes:

a nurse ID acquisition unit operable to obtain a nurse ID for identifying said nurse from said nurse's wireless tag when said nurse approached said medical support apparatus sufficiently; and

a nurse determination unit operable to refer to said medical information database and determine whether or not said nurse identified by said nurse ID obtained by said nurse ID acquisition unit is in charge of the patient identified by the patient ID obtained by the patient ID acquisition unit, and wherein

said warning unit issues said warning in a case where said nurse is not in charge of the patient.

13. (original): A medical support system as claimed in claim 12, wherein said nurse's wireless tag transmits said nurse ID to said medical support apparatus using a radio waves that enables communication with said medical support apparatus only when said nurse's wireless tag approached said medical support apparatus sufficiently.

14. (original): A medical support system as claimed in claim 9, wherein said diagnosis/treatment member is medicine,

said diagnosis/treatment member's wireless tag is attached to a holder of said medicine, and

said warning unit issues said warning when said diagnosis/treatment member determination unit determined that said medicine was unsuitable for the patient.

15. (original): A medical support system as claimed in claim 14, wherein said medical information database stores a dosing schedule of said medicine to the patient and a dosing history containing dates and times at which said medicine was dosed to the patient to correspond to the patient,

said medical support apparatus further includes a dosing timing determination unit operable to determine whether or not a dosing timing of said medicine identified by said diagnosis/ treatment member ID obtained by said diagnosis/treatment member ID acquisition unit to the patient identified by the patient ID obtained by the patient ID acquisition unit, based on said dosing schedule and said dosing history, and

said warning unit issues said warning to the patient when said dosing timing determination unit determined that said dosing timing was improper.

16. (original): A medical support system as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a medication error management database operable to store improper combinations of a disease/injury and said diagnosis/treatment member, wherein

said medical support apparatus further includes a medication error determination unit operable to extract a disease/injury of the patient identified by the patient ID obtained by the patient ID acquisition unit from said medical information database and determine whether or not a combination of said disease/injury thus extracted and said diagnosis/ treatment member identified by said diagnosis/treatment member ID obtained by said diagnosis/treatment member ID acquisition unit is improper by referring to said medication error management database, and wherein

said warning unit issues said warning to the patient when said medication error determination unit determined said combination was improper.

17. (original): A medical support apparatus for supporting a medical care of a patient, comprising:

a patient ID acquisition unit operable to obtain a patient ID for identifying the patient from a patient's wireless tag carried by the patient when the patient approached said medical support apparatus sufficiently;

a diagnosis/treatment member ID acquisition unit operable to obtain a diagnosis/treatment member ID for identifying a diagnosis/treatment member from a diagnosis/treatment member's wireless tag attached to said diagnosis/treatment member when said diagnosis/treatment member approached said medical support apparatus sufficiently;

a diagnosis/treatment member determination unit operable to refer to a medical information database that stores medical information of the patient and determine whether or not said diagnosis/treatment member identified by said diagnosis/treatment member ID thus obtained is suitable for the patient identified by the patient ID thus obtained; and

a warning unit operable to issue a warning to the patient when said diagnosis/treatment member determination unit determined that said diagnosis/treatment member was unsuitable for the patient.

18. (new): A medical support system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the medical information database manages the medical information of each patient of the plurality of patients collectively.

19. (new): A medical support system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the medical information database manages the medical information of each patient of the plurality of patients collectively.